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Social and Personal

The younger society girls and boys were guests at most of the important functions of yesterday. One of the prettiest affairs of the week was a Christmas party at which little Miss Catherine Lee Miller and her brother, Mr. Ashby Miller, Jr., were hosts at "Pleasantwood," the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Miller, at Westhampton. The house was decorated in holly, red berries and the mantels and chairs were wreathed in bright flowers and running cedar. Little Miss Miller's Westhampton friends received with her and her brother, and about 150 children from Richmond were present. It was a lovely evening in every detail and a buffet supper was served in the dining room, which was also decorated in red flowers and evergreens. The boys were served in polka-dot cups and the same color scheme was carried out in the bonbons and table decorations.

Debut Ball. Mrs. David Terry Williams has issued invitations for the debut ball of her granddaughter, Miss Annie Gilbert, of New York, on the evening of Thursday, January 2, at 8 o'clock, in the ballroom of the Richmond Hotel. Miss Gilbert, who is to be a midwinter debutante here, was presented to New York society earlier in the season. She will arrive here January 4, and will be guest of her grandmother, at 1023 Park Avenue, during her stay in this city. A number of interesting affairs have been planned for Miss Gilbert.

Luncheon To-Day. Frederick William Scott will be host at luncheon to-day at his home, 502 West Franklin Street. The luncheon takes place at 1 o'clock, and the guests will be decorated in big baskets of crimson flowers, palms and bay trees. A tall silver vase of white roses will be arranged on the luncheon table.

Higgins-Lewis. A marriage, New York, on Saturday, the marriage of Miss Elsie Higgins, Lewis and Dr. William Harrison Higgins, of Richmond, was celebrated at the Reformed Church, one of the oldest churches in the city. The bride's father is now pastor. The two clerical men who officiated were the Rev. Henry A. Lewis, father of the bride, and the Rev. Alfred A. Higgins, brother of the bridegroom, who came from Kentucky for the wedding. The ushers were Messrs. E. Hunt Allen, J. M. P. Thatcher, Dr. R. L. Crawford, and Dr. W. H. Hawkins, and the bride's only attendant was her maid of honor, Miss Reba Forbes. Miss Forbes was elegantly gowned in a pink silk velvet with draperies of pale pink and she carried a bouquet of Killarney roses.

The bride entered with her father. Her dress was her mother's wedding gown of ivory satin and brocade, trimmed with her grandmother's rose point. They were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Dr. Charles Webb.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the old stone manse, built in 1730, to which many guests and relatives from New York were invited. Dr. and Mrs. Higgins will be at home to their friends after February 1 at 8 West Franklin Street.

For Miss Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Laird gave a tea dance for their niece, Miss Alice Burrill Reed, at her home, 205 Chestnutfield County Christmas afternoon. Fifteen couples motored out from Richmond, and the affair was for the schoolgirls home for the holiday season and their guests.

Miss Watson's Tea. Another function for the school girls was the tea yesterday afternoon given by Miss Hazel Watson.

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Central Americans Oppose Pact Between United States and Nicaragua.

BLOW TO FUTURE FEDERATION

Salvadoran Manifesto Assails This Country—Objects to Price of Canal Rights.

Washington, December 26.—Following the arrival in Washington of several prominent Central Americans, it became known to-day that active opposition to the proposed treaty between the United States and Nicaragua, which would give the United States the exclusive right in perpetuity to build a canal through the San Juan River and the Lake of Nicaragua, and a ninety-nine-year lease of the islands of Great Corn and Little Corn, in the Atlantic, and of any point it might select in the Gulf of Fonseca for naval stations.

Not only are some Nicaraguans actively opposing this treaty, but joining with them are members of the Liberal parties of Salvador, Costa Rica, and as well as of Guatemala. The majority of these leaders are advocates of the plan of uniting the five Central American republics into one compact nation, and they take the position that if the Nicaraguan treaty is ratified, the Central American union ideal will be killed.

See Importance of Canal. The question of the Nicaraguan treaty, because of the issues at stake, has been assuming greater proportions recently, particularly because of the anxiety of the Central American nations to see the treaty ratified, and its incident opening up of new trade routes. Many Central Americans apparently are realizing that their group of republics are soon to assume an importance never before suggested.

Dr. Polanco Benitez, former president of Honduras, has been in Washington for several days working against the Nicaraguan treaty, and is known to be hopeful that it never will be ratified. Dr. Julian Irujo, a liberal leader of Nicaragua, who is an advocate of the Central American Union plan, has also been here recently.

A manifesto, widely distributed in Washington by the Salvadoran committee of the Central American National Association, and signed by Federico Penado, its chairman, reviews the history of American participation in the affairs of Central America in recent years, and protests against the Nicaraguan treaty.

Charges Iniquity by United States. "We hold," says this manifesto, "that the government of the United States, within the past few years, set up, through diplomatic intrigue and military force, a satrapy of native hordes in the free and independent State of Nicaragua for the purpose of negotiating an international treaty in flagrant violation of the public opinion of Nicaragua and of the other States affected, of all principles of justice and reason, and of the national constitution of Nicaragua, and of its existing treaties and understandings with other Central American republics."

The manifesto recites the events leading up to the installation of Adolfo Diaz as President of Nicaragua, claiming that he does not represent the majority of the people of Nicaragua, and states that "this usurpation of power, without parallel in the history of Central America, and is a fruit of dollar diplomacy," and tells how American marines under Admiral Guillard helped put down a revolution against Diaz.

\$3,000,000 Too Little Pay. The manifesto says that the proposed payment of \$3,000,000 for the rights desired by the United States is too small, but adds that a compensation more rational than a cash stipend would be the improvement of the army of United States employees now working on the Panama Canal of the San Juan River, so that big steamers might reach the Lakes of Nicaragua.

The fact is also pointed out that the Gulf of Fonseca washes the shores of Honduras and Salvador as well as those of Nicaragua, and that, therefore, the country is equally interested in the proposed concessions as is Nicaragua itself.

Unless the consent of all the affected countries is gained it is claimed the professions of the new democratic administration for a policy of justice to Latin America will not be carried out.

Probably the consideration which is causing the most intense concern, continues the manifesto, "is the fact that the treaty will forever put an end to the efforts to consolidate the five Central American republics into one grand federation. Such great progress has been made toward this consummation devotedly to be wished that we now believe the long-sought goal is in sight."

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REFUSES TO REMAIN LONGER IN RUSSIA

Retirement of Delcasse Calculated to Create Uneasiness in France.

BY LA MARQUISE DE FONTENAY. A LTIOTIOUS retirement of Theophile Delcasse, from the post of ambassador of France at St. Petersburg has been reported several times, since his appointment to that office, immediately on the election of President Poincare last winter, and on the latter's initiative, yet his departure from Russia at the present juncture is extremely significant, and calculated to create uneasiness in France.

For one reason or another, all of her ambassadors there had proved failures. It was necessary to repair the harm done thereby, and this Delcasse was accomplishing in the most brilliant manner, when he was ordered to the defeat of the Barthou Cabinet, and to the advent to office of the Doumergue-Caillaux administration.

There seems to be every prospect of the gradual old Scottish clan of Delcasses—one of the most ancient of the Northern Kingdom—having a new "Mentelich," or chieftain, in the person of Delcasse.

For his refusal to remain any longer as envoy in the Czar's capital, and his resolve to devote himself for some time to come to his legislative work, in the Chamber of Deputies, is considered by his countrymen as an indication that he disapproves of the policy of the new French Cabinet with regard to Russia.

It is held to confirm the rumors, according to which the new Doumergue administration, of which ex-Premier Delcasse, now Minister of Finance, is the dominant member, does not attach so much importance to the alliance with Russia, as its predecessors did. Indeed, the measures already adopted by Minister of Finance Caillaux, in virtually closing the French money market to all foreign loans, save that of Turkey, for some time to come, and in creating conditions that would render the floating of a Russian loan impossible, for a considerable period hence, even had the French money market not been closed to foreign loans, has created extraordinary uneasiness in official and financial circles at St. Petersburg. For all arrangements had been made there and in France for the early flotation of a very large additional loan in France for railroad development and for military purposes, a loan which will now have to be abandoned.

Delcasse has devoted all his energies, first as Minister of Foreign Affairs, afterwards as all-powerful Minister of the Navy, and since last February as ambassador to the consolidation of this alliance with Russia, which has always been considered so vital to the safety of France from hostile designs by Germany and her allies. This work, however, is being compromised by the Doumergue Cabinet in Paris, which, moreover, has grievously offended Russia by placing itself on record as opposed to the system of three years' obligatory military service in lieu of two years' service, which is totally inadequate to impart the necessary training to soldiers, and that any abbreviation of the three years' term is calculated to impair the military efficiency of France, and her value as an ally.

Delcasse does not wish to be identified with these new policies of the French government, which are diametrically opposed to everything that he stood for in the past. That is why he is returning home, in order to devote his energies in the national legislature, as a member of the Chamber of Deputies, to bringing about the speedy downfall of the Doumergue administration.

In the presidential election last winter, was the most serious danger of all the rivals of Poincare. The chief reason that he was not elected was because it was feared that his presence at the Elysee might precipitate war with Germany, since Kaiser created Count Bismarck a prince seven years ago, as a token of his satisfaction over the retirement of Delcasse from the post of Minister of Foreign Affairs, in connection with the Moroccan crisis—a retirement which German agencies notoriously contributed.

When Poincare resigned the premiership, to assume the presidency of the republic, he was anxious that Delcasse should become his successor; and when Delcasse refused, Briand, who was thereupon appointed Premier, urged upon him the office of Minister of Foreign Affairs, but without avail. Delcasse very rightly believed that he could do far greater service to his country as French ambassador to St. Petersburg than as Minister of Foreign Affairs in Paris. For years France had suffered through inadequate representation on the banks of the Neva.

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son of Captain David Prentice Menzies, of Pleasant Castle, Stirlingshire. The captain is obtaining a judicial declaration from the Second Division of the Scotch Court of Session at Edinburgh, to the effect that he is the next heir to the Menzies baronetcy, which was created by Charles II. in 1665.

On the death of the eighth baronet, Sir Neil Menzies, in December, 1910, without issue, it was generally believed that the baronetcy had become extinct. Captain David Prentice Menzies, however, has succeeded in proving his descent from Sir Alexander Menzies, first baronet, Captain James Menzies, of Comrie, who married Anne Campbell, daughter of Lord Neil Campbell, younger son of the Duke of Argyll.

The claimant's great-grandfather was Dr. Thomas Menzies, of Glasgow, a noted physician of his time, professor of surgery in the old College of Glasgow, and who figures in William Black's novel, "The Doctor of Heth." He had three sons. The eldest, John, after fighting a duel, and killing his man, went out to Australia, and died without issue at Ballarat. The second son lived at St. Andrew's, Stirling, Glasgow, and married Miss Elizabeth Cox. The claimant is his eldest son.

While Captain David Menzies will obtain possession of the baronetcy, he will not be able to recover any of the family estates, all of which either have been or are being alienated by the widow of the late Sir Neil Menzies, divorced wife of the Earl of Stair.

Formerly the Menzies family included Castle Menzies, with over 20,000 acres of land in Perthshire, and which had been in the possession of the Menzies for 500 years without interruption, were entitled to the title of Sir Neil Menzies, and his younger brother, Fletcher Menzies, for forty years secretary of the Highland Society, then the next heir to the property, in disclaiming the whole of the estate.

Thanks to this, Sir Neil was able to bequeath everything to his widow, who, having been boycotted by Scotch society on account of the circumstances of her divorce from Lord Stair, and of her marriage to Sir Neil, took steps to immediately get rid of all the estates, family heirlooms and relics.

I may take this occasion to reply to a reader who writes to ask what is meant by the statement that Delcasse has been drunk with Highland honors. When the toast, whatever it may be, has been given by the chief, the company present stand on their chairs, place their right foot on the table, hold their glasses up in the air, and, while in that position, the chief leading, pronounce the words, "Sims e!" (North with it!) three times, followed by three hurrahs; then three times the word, "Sims e!" (South with it!) again followed by three hurrahs; then three times the word, "Nish!" (Now!) followed by three hurrahs. At the final hurrah, the chief strikes a few bars of a stirring air, while the men, after draining their glasses, resume their seats.

In some parts of Scotland the glasses are raised when the words "North with it!" are shouted three times, and the toast is extended to the right or to the left, with the words, "Nunne e!" and to the left or westward with the words, "Null e!"

No one but the senior chieftain present can propose a toast with Highland honors.

Weddings at Chatham. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Chatham, Va., December 26.—A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of B. H. Gammon, near Hanover, on Saturday last, when Miss R. Verna Higgins became the bride of John C. Edwards. The bride was given away by a beautiful creation of brown broadcloth, and carried pink carnations. Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for the groom's home, where an elegant supper was served. The bride is the only daughter of E. A. Edwards, a prominent citizen of the city.

A double wedding was celebrated at the residence of Rev. W. D. Barr, in West Chatham, on Sunday about noon, when Miss Alice Huxley and Ed. Haynes and Miss Grace Scroggs and William Haynes were married. The couples were met at the station by Mr. H. Rogers and C. H. Mayo, who accompanied them to the home of Mr. Barr. Immediately following the ceremony they left for the home of Mr. Rogers, where dinner was served. On Sunday the couples left for Roanoke to visit friends. The bride is the daughter of farmers of Pittsylvania and resides near Danville. The grooms are young farmers of near design.

Hamm-Barksdale. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., December 26.—Strother F. Hamm, a bookkeeper at the Albemarle National Bank, and Miss Ruby F. Barksdale, daughter of Congressman W. R. Barksdale, were married last evening at the bride's home on East High Street, the Rev. W. Aiken Smart, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiating. Miss Pearl Barksdale, twin-sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids, Miss Mary B. Hamm, of Louisville, Ky., a sister of the groom, and Miss Marion Duval, of Annapolis, Md. R. S. Sterling was best man, and the groomsmen, C. B. Persinger and W. E. Barksdale, brother of the bride. The bride's parents entertained the wedding party at a dinner preceding the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Hamm left early in the night for Washington, where they will remain for a few days before returning to the city, where they will make their home.

Herring-Herring. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., December 26.—Wilmer Herring and Miss Alice Herring, both of Greene County, were united in marriage yesterday at the parsonage of the High Street Baptist Church, the Rev. Henry W. Battle, D. D., officiating.

Dr. Battle also officiated at the marriage of Alwyn J. Goodloe and Miss Mary L. Ester, the ceremony being performed at the parsonage in the presence of a few friends. The young people are from Albemarle.

ASHLAND NEWS NOTES

Ashland, Va., December 26.—The Board of Supervisors of Hanover County met on Monday at Hanover Courthouse, and decided to appropriate the \$240 for the continuation of the county demonstrator. This amount will be supplemented by a like sum from the United States government, to carry on the work. T. Leitch Lancaster, who has successfully filled the place for two years, was unanimously recommended to succeed himself. The other business consisted of paying bills, etc.

Rev. Richard Lancaster, of West Virginia, and Miss Nettie Lancaster, of Harrisonburg, are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Lancaster.

Frank Wray, of Parkersburg, W. Va., is visiting friends here.

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Dr. Charles H. Ambler is in Charleston, S. C., attending the historical convention being held there.

Dr. J. Thomson Booth has returned from Williamsburg, where he spent Christmas at his home.

Larry Pettis, of Stuart, Va., is with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Barnes for the holidays.

Fred K. Prosser, of Pennsylvania, is visiting his sister, Mrs. B. M. Shepherd.

J. Miller Leake, of Johns-Hopkins, Baltimore, is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Marion Leake.

Frank Rane and W. H. Cardwell, of Randolph-Macon College, leave next week for Nashville, Tenn., where they will represent Tau Chapter, at the Phi Kappa Sigma convention.

Joseph Pettis, of N. D. L. is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pettis.

DEAD MAN IDENTIFIED.

Saunton, Va., December 26.—The young man who was found on Wednesday in the Palmer House dead from exposure was identified as Edgar M. Sullivan, of Mission, Va. He was a student at the college here, and had been taken home for burial. He had come here to meet a married sister and her husband, on their way from West Virginia to spend the holidays with relatives in Albemarle. They met them and spent some time with them here, but got separated and they went on without him, and when he failed to follow they investigated with the result indicated. There was no ground so far as known for suicide, and the death is regarded as accidental.

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